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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EFIN, ECON
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF JAPANESE CREDIT LINES TO EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

1. SUMMARY: AFTER CONSIDERING CAREFULLY WHAT EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES AND CANADA HAVE DONE CONCERNING THEIR CREDIT
LINES TO EASTERN COUNTRIES, GOJ DECIDES TO EXTEND UNUSED
PORTION OF CERTAIN EXISTING CREDIT LINES FOR ANOTHER
YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. MITI OFFICIAL ADVISED EMBOFF TODAY (THURS, MARCH 30)
THAT AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
ACTIONS BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS CANADA CONCERNING
THEIR CREDIT LINES WITH EASTERN COUNTRIES, THE GOJ HAS
COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE A RATHER SERIOUS
INJUSTICE BOTH TO JAPANESE EXPORTERS AND TO PARTNER
COUNTRIES TO REFUSE REQUESTS SIMPLY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF
VALIDITY OF JAPAN'S EXISTING CREDIT LINES WITH SOME
EASTERN COUNTRIES. MITI OFFICIAL SAYS THAT GOJ HAS DONE
NOTHING MORE THAN MAKE THE UNUSED PORTION OF EXISTING
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CREDIT LINES AVAILABLE FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITHOUT CHANGING
ANY TERMS AND WITHOUT ADDING TO THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT
LINES. ALL SUCH CREDIT LINES HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO
THE OECD SECRETARIAT ACCORDING TO THE APPROPRIATE PROCED-
URE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, MITI OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE

FOLLOWING LINES OF CREDIT, ALL DUE TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR. OUT OF THE \$450 MIL ORIGINAL CREDIT LINE FOR POLAND, \$380 MIL REMAINS UNUSED. OUT OF THE ORIGINAL \$330 MIL LINE TO RUMANIA, \$230 MIL REMAINS UNUTILIZED. IN THE CASE OF THE BULGARIAN LINE, CONFIDENTIAL

\$275 MIL OUT OF THE ORIGINAL \$280 MIL REMAINS UNUTILIZED. ALL THREE OF THESE CREDIT LINES WERE NEGOTIATED IN APRIL 1976 BEFORE THE PRESENT CONSENSUS CAME INTO FORCE. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE FOREGOING FIGURES ARE ON A CONTRACT BASIS AND THUS PRESENT THE MAXIMUM UNUTILIZED LINE WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN FACT, NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THESE LINES ARE IN MANY CASES ADVANCED AND IF THIS FACTOR IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE AMOUNTS EXTENDED WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY SMALLER. IN THE CASE OF THE POLISH LINE, WE ARE TOLD THAT IF ALL CREDITS PRESENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION WERE UTILIZED (OF COURSE, NOT ALL WILL BE UTILIZED IN FACT), THE LINE ITSELF WOULD BE OVERDRAWN. IN THE CASE OF RUMANIA, PRESSURES ARE SUCH THAT A NEW AND LARGER LINE IS BEING CONSIDERED. THE BULGARIAN LINE ALONE APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE.

4. DEPT PLS REPEAT AS DESIRED. MANSFIELD

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